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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement sheets for figures 1-3 are submitted herewith.

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REMARKS

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Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claim 8 was objected to and has been amended to correct the phrae "sercie" to "service." Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 13 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Staples (5,889,845). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons stated below.

As stated in MPEP § 2131, "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Applicants respectfully submit, as will be detailed below, that Staples does not, either expressly or inherently, teach or suggest many limitations recited in the pending claims.

For example, independent claim 1 discloses a communication network having at least a first calling station connected to a first telephonic network and a service-user calling station connected to a packet-based network, an improvement of an assembly for facilitating call connection between the first calling station and the service-user calling station, the service-user calling station having at least a first virtual calling-station identity in the first telephonic network such that the service-user calling station appears virtually resident in the first telephonic network.

The limitations of claim 1 include:

a virtual-location indexer embodied at the packet-based network, said indexer for indexing together the at least the first virtual calling-station identity of the service-user calling station with a selected packet-based-network identity of the service-user calling station,

the packet-based-network identity associated with logical connection of the service-user calling station to the packet data network and the virtual calling-station identity associated with a virtual residency location of the service-user calling station in the first telephonic network,

and said indexer accessed pursuant to call routing of a call between the first calling station and the service-user calling station to permit effectuation of the call connection therebetween.

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The Examiner rejected all of the limitations above based on col. 2, line 55 – col 3., line 10 and col. 6, line 39-48. These references primarily disclose an ability to forward calls from one location to another and to extend features from one location to another. However, these references do not disclose, for example,:

- a virtual-location indexer
- a first virtual calling-station identity
- a packet-based-network identity
- a service-user calling station

and indexing together the first virtual calling-station identity of *the service-user calling station* with the selected packet-based-network identity of *the service-user calling station*

- a logical connection
- a virtual residency location

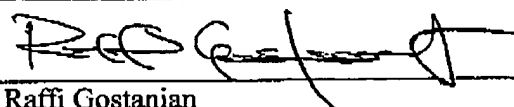
where the packet-based-network identity is associated with a logical connection of *the service-user calling station* to the packet data network and the virtual calling-station identity associated with a virtual residency location of *the service-user calling station* in the first telephonic network

Applicant does not believe that Staples teaches or suggests each and every element above as set forth in claim 1, for example.

As such, Applicant believes that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment and response places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned.

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